

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice.

The claims have been amended to put them in improved form for allowance and to repeat the amendments filed March 10, 2004 which were not entered. The new amendments were suggested by the Examiner in a telephone interview in April.

In addition, Applicants would like to point out that claim 3 reflects the advantage previously noted by the Office and disclosed in Table 3 of page 28. As can be seen in Table 3, the percentage in unfermented soy of genistein with respect to the combined genistein/genistin levels is roughly 5%. The claimed level is substantially higher and reflects the effect noted favorably by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed subject matter is unobvious over Hoie's use of unfermented soy.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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